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End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Abound in Our Community

Block Party, Heritage Day, Halloween and Much More!

The greater Orwigsburg community is blessed to have so many businesses, organizations, groups of individuals, and unflinching support from the Borough ... all enthusiastically working for the betterment and enjoyment of residents and visitors.

It's been an active spring and summer with the Square Time "Farm-to-Square" having just concluded, Memorial Day parade and service, the recent Kite Festival, youth baseball and softball, swimming at the BMMS pool, playground instruction at Albright's Woods, and so much more.

Face it! There are a lot of things to do in Orwigsburg if you seek them out, thanks to a variety of people and groups. But wait, we're just getting revved up. The momentum keeps building now through the end of the year.

End-of-Summer Block Party

All are invited and it's all FREE! Free food and drink, entertainment, fun and games are yours at the annual Community Block Party hosted by Salem Church. Fundraising throughout the year provides this gift to all who want to attend.

This is a "block" party in the truest sense as the one-block area of West Independence St. between S. Warren and S. Liberty streets, adjacent to the church, will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, Aug. 25



from 3 to 7 p.m.

Games, crafts, a bounce house and slide, live music, street performers, and exhibitors will party the entire time.

Amateur and professional cooks will compete again for the title of "Best Wings" in the OrWINGSburg Cook-Off Contest at the church during the Block Party. Additional information and registration can be found online at www.SalemUM.com

Make history on September 7

The 28th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 on and about Centre Square. The event welcomes visitors and invites residents to reflect on our historic past, enjoy the present, and look toward the future of Orwigsburg.

The day begins with a pancake and sausage breakfast offered by Salem Church from 7 to 11 a.m.

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COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 25 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – "On the Square" and North Warren Street; Apple Fest, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. John's UCC Fellowship Center, E. Market Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 – Halloween Parade, begins at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31 – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on these remaining days in 2019 in observance of the stated holidays - Labor Day, September 2; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 24 and 25.

Fall Events



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in its Fellowship Hall on Independence St. Then all attention moves to Centre Square with spill-over to adjacent streets where a wide variety of vendors and crafts, games and live music, street performers and displays of all kinds will delight from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Planned and coordinated by the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association, the town's Heritage Day celebration brings together borough support services; church, social, and service organizations; and the various resources of the Orwigsburg Historical Society to mark a truly "historical" event enjoyed by thousands each year.

A Heritage Day tradition, St. John's UCC presents its annual Apple Fest held in its Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church on East Market St. The best in homemade apple products - including pies, dumplings, crisps, and many more apple delights - will be offered beginning at 9 a.m. until sold out (get there early; they go fast!). A sit-down lunch will also be available as a break from the Square activities. The St. John's quilters will again display and raffle-off a handmade quilt and other prizes.

Two live bands will be performing on the Community Lot at Market and Warren Streets, starting at 9:30 a.m. with Rhythm & Brews. Tool Shed Jack will perform beginning at 12:30 p.m.

There will be fun for all ages, including a bounce house, horse-drawn carriage rides, and facepainting. The streets will be lined with vendors including food trucks, wineries, distilleries, crafters, local organizations and churches.

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Fall Activities Abound in Our Community

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Kids' activities such as balloon art and a petting zoo will be spread out in the Square area and on adjoining streets, so the day will be full of fun! A trolley will be available for town tours throughout the day. Street performers will engage attendees while war re-enactors will mix and mingle as well.

It being Heritage Day, be sure to visit the Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum just one block north of Centre Square at 109 E. Mifflin St. The headquarters will be open for tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to take its Historical Scavenger Hunt challenge during Heritage Day. Details on the Scavenger Hunt can be found within the OHS feature on Page 13 of this newsletter.

But wait, the day is not over. The Orwigsburg Fire Department will host a "Comedy Night" of entertainment with food, beverages, raffles and auction items, featuring Earl David Reed. Doors open to this event inside the Veterans Community Memorial Hall at 6 p.m.

Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Orwigsburg.

This year's ghoulish parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 23.



The parade route will again be designed to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or mike1swenson@gmail.com.

Trick-or-Treat - Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night - Thursday, Oct. 31 - between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 2. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 7.

Veterans Day services "on the square" in Orwigsburg are always marked on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Monday, Nov. 11 this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will be closed on Veterans Day. Refuse collection will not be affected by the holiday.

Mark your calendar

Much more information on Thanksgiving and Christmas season activities will be included in the November issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*, but a couple key events that attract family and friends from near and far should be noted.

The Orwigsburg Holly Trail tour of decorated homes and other places of interest will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. That evening, Orwigsburg's Festival of Lights program and arrival of Santa Claus will be held on Centre Square beginning at 4:30 p.m.



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Geisinger St. Luke's – Rt. 61 Orwigsburg

New Hospital – Ready to Open Fall 2019

The Orwigsburg area is anxiously awaiting the opening of its first new hospital in nearly 100 years.

Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital, slated to open its doors in fall 2019, will operate as a joint venture between St. Luke's University Health Network and Geisinger. Located in southern Schuylkill County, the new acute care hospital will provide the highest quality health care services to the residents of Schuylkill and nearby Berks County.

The collaboration between the two health systems is more than just a state-of-the-art facility, it also means new jobs and convenient, compassionate, comprehensive health care for patients closer to home.

St. Luke's and Geisinger officially broke ground in July of 2018 and construction is now nearing completion. The campus will include the hospital itself, with 80 spacious, private rooms, inpatient care, emergency room, medical/surgical suites and an intensive care unit, as well as advanced specialty services within the surrounding medical office buildings and outpatient



centers.

The new hospital is already employing hundreds of construction workers through dozens of contractors, injecting a powerful economic stimulus into the local economy. Upon completion, the hospital will also sustain hundreds of permanent, family-supporting jobs from clinical and non-clinical positions, all necessary to provide the highest level of inpatient care, surgery, radiology, lab and many additional services. The economic benefit provided by the hospital will reach every part of the community and region.

"This is a really exciting joint venture that utilizes the strengths of both organizations to provide high quality, low cost care that extends the range of health care services in the community," says Gabe Kamarousky, president, Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital. "Very soon, patients in Schuylkill County and nearby Berks County won't need to travel significant distances for the procedures they need or the skilled doctors they want to see. They can receive the care they need right where they live."

This is the first time in Pennsylvania that two health care systems have agreed to build and equally co-own a new hospital. To commemorate the opening in the fall, residents will be invited to tour the facility as part of a community open house. For more information about career opportunities, visit www.slnh.org/careers.



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Message from the Council President

Resignations Bring Changes at Top of Government

Change – the one constant in our lives. Changes take place in our personal lives and in the Borough of Orwigsburg every day. We accept, eventually adapt, and move on in a positive direction.



SUSAN MURPHY
Council President

One of the biggest changes for our Borough this year has been the hiring of our new Borough Manager, Randy Miller. With past experience as a manager, Randy brings new ideas to Borough Council along with the well-rounded understanding of how a borough operates.

Former Council President, Michele Rudloff, resigned in May, creating a vacancy on Council. Thank you Michele for your service.

I was elected to serve as Council President and councilman Brian Baldwin as Vice President for the remainder of the year. In June, resident Rick Bubeck was chosen to fill the vacant seat on Council and will serve until the end of the year. Rick has been actively involved with the street needs in town, offering his help where needed.

Those are three changes in the past 3 months. And, we move on ... positively!

Lots of Activities Upcoming

With the publication of this newsletter, another change is ready to occur. Fall is just around the corner and our town will gear up for major community activities carrying us through to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Heritage Day will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 7. Orwigsburg's Halloween parade is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 23 and our town-wide Trick or Treat for youngsters on Halloween – Thursday, Oct. 31.

Orwigsburg always ushers in the Christmas holiday season with the Library's Holly Trail and Centre Square Festival of Lights celebration – this year on Saturday, Dec. 7. These are all good changes that bring our community together.

Daily operations of the Borough seem to bring constant changes as our street crew handles any issue that may arise along with the normal daily maintenance and planned projects. Our water and sewer plants are maintained seven days a week with needs handled and adjustments made – here “change” is a daily occurrence.

Our 24/7 Orwigsburg Police Department sees the most changes. With each day our officers face a new challenge with every call. Their shifts are filled with constant change ... some good, some not so good.

As time moves forward we will strive to keep Orwigsburg the same safe, quaint village it has always been. As changes occur, they will be dealt with in the best interest of our residents.

– Susan Murphy, Borough Council President

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From the Desk of the Borough Manager

Opportunities Abound; Orwigsburg Is “Leading the Way!”

Hello, as Council President Sue Murphy mentioned, my name is Randy Miller. I have over 25 years of experience in the operation of municipal governments. My original experience was as an elected councilman in the Borough of Mount Penn, serving there for 10 years ... the last two of those years as their Council President.



RANDY MILLER
Borough Manager

Additionally, I served as Borough Manager of Birdsboro for five years and was also the Township Administrator of Caernarvon Township for 11 years.

Having served on “both sides of the table” of local government oversight and of management operations, I bring diverse experiences of services and background to the challenges facing Orwigsburg. There are a great many opportunities to go along with these challenges.

The changes made by PennDOT to Rt. 61 bring many new opportunities for growth, with the Interstate being only a ten-minute drive away.

The Geisinger St. Luke’s Hospital site development adds new jobs to the area and will bring added



customers to the commercial areas of Orwigsburg and its surrounds. In addition, the need for housing will grow, bringing additional residents to our Borough.

In closing, I want to thank Borough Council for the trust they have put in me to steer the Borough through this growth time in our region. With the help of the staff here, Sherry and Kathi, we have begun the trek through that coming growth. In addition, we have developed the tag line “Leading the Way” to encourage each person, employee, resident, and council member to do their part for the Borough.

– Randy Miller, Borough Manager



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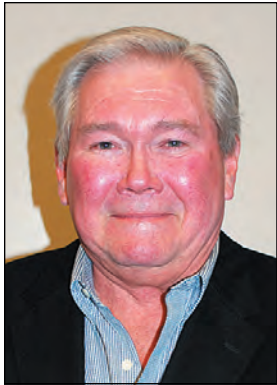
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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Events that Shaped a Nation Started in a Hometown

Citizens and friends of Orwigsburg ... Those of you who honor me by taking the time to look at my quarterly rambling know I'm a fan of history, youthful recollections, and traditions.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

I'm not insulted by anyone who would classify me as a dinosaur. Rolling past our editor's deadline as usual while trying to conjure up another installment, I was struck by the extraordinary count of milestone event anniversaries celebrated during the past few months.

Commemorating 100 years since the end of hostilities in the "The War to End All Wars," Veteran's Day (formerly Armistice Day) was observed on November 11, 2018. The official end of the Great War occurred 100 years ago on June 28, 1919, marked by the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. According to estimates, over 20 million soldiers and civilians perished over the four years of conflict.

Not quite 25 years later, the Greatest Generation fought their way onto the shores of Normandy against the same bad actors. June 6, 2019 marked the 75th

anniversary of D-Day, the "beginning of the end" of World War II, as Allied Forces fought their way to Berlin. The second round went two additional years and claimed, at a bare minimum, twice as many souls from military and civilian populations.

Included with the spoils of WWII, one Dr. Wernher von Braun and a large group of German rocketeer associates arrived in America and combined their scientific talents with the bravest and brightest aerospace players of our Nation. Employing more than 400,000 Americans and spending over \$250 billion (in today's dollars), NASA put on a show of technology and power that culminated fifty years ago today - July 20, 2019 - when Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the Moon.

At my age, 50th (and older) anniversaries of anything start to register very clearly in my personal memory bank. In addition to the Space Program, the federal government was also busy constructing our Interstate highway system. Many of the area's school districts were in the midst of a building boom to accommodate the baby boom.

Orwigsburg was in the process of tearing up the town to install its sanitary sewer system.

Odd as it may seem, my focus in remembering things past is on the future. How will our actions today be viewed by generations to follow in 25, 50, 100 years and beyond?

While it's unlikely that many of us will shape the course of the World in the manner of an Eisenhower or an Armstrong, it is sobering to remember that every mover and shaker was born in a hometown.

But, nothing except our own attitudes and dedication stand in the way of striving toward making and keeping Orwigsburg an exceptional community in which to live and grow.

As a Borough, we have many important decisions to make in order to address our obligation to provide expected public services. More importantly, our community is much more than security, streets, and sewer systems.

Good citizens are the binding component of any successful society. Please consider the lasting impact of sharing your strengths. Help a neighbor. Volunteer to the fire company, at the library, at your church, to coach youth sports. Be a positive influence.

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Summer 2019 has been a beehive of activity for patrons of all ages at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library. And, the library staff, volunteers, featured guests, and presenters have also been busy, busy bees.

Thank you, community! All of Orwigsburg, the surrounding municipalities and individuals that travel quite some distance to instruct and enjoy our wonderful events and activities prove the value of having a local library.

It is through monetary contributions, volunteer hours, and dedicated Library Board members and staff that make this facility an educational and recreational magnet for all to learn and enjoy year-round.

The Library doors are open 50 hours per week with a multitude of planned activities and resources available. Your Orwigsburg Library has computers to access, free WiFi so you can bring your own devices, e-books, passive play materials, planned programs, clubs and other services such as copying, faxing and scanning at low cost.

Support and visit us soon

The Library's annual fund drive letter was recently mailed in July. Your financial support is a major

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There are many opportunities to enjoy and support the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library – through programs, dine-outs, special events, and more – come in and find your fit.

Don't forget, the Library coordinates and hosts the Orwigsburg Holly Trail each year. This year it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m., the same day as Orwigsburg's Festival of Lights.

– Claudia Gross, Librarian



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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Renovation Focus Turns to Veterans Hall of Honor

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce remains focused on working with the Borough of Orwigsburg for the completion of the Veterans Community Memorial Hall renovation. The group continues to meet monthly to assure coordination and fiduciary oversight of the monies being raised for the project.

The project continues to have a dual funding stream. The first is continued community fundraising through donations and gifts. The Veterans Day Weekend Capital Campaign Dinner held at the Hall on November 10 last year proved to be very successful in raising local contributions for the project. The event was attended by 300 persons, including many veterans.

The second funding stream is government grants. Most recently our project was awarded a \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) state grant last September.

The RACP grant process is extremely competitive. The Borough of Orwigsburg and the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce sincerely thank the efforts of state Rep. Jerry Knowles for his leadership and strong advocacy of the RACP submittal, state Sen. Dave Argall, and our other state representatives from Schuylkill County, Neal Goodman and Mike Tobash.



This collaborative effort of support was crucial to its success as we work toward the completion of the Veterans Community Memorial Hall renovations.

A business plan was developed in March this year. Alfred Benesch and Company and its Orwigsburg Borough engineer, Christopher Bentz, are leading implementation, planning, bidding, awarding and construction on the current phase of the project. The bid process is anticipated to begin this fall. Orwigsburg Borough retains administrative and operational authority.

Work yet to be done

The Taskforce is focusing now to complete the Veterans Foyer - Veterans Hall of Honor - as one enters Veterans Community Memorial Hall. A planning committee is working monthly to accumulate a complete list of veterans' names and credentials to be so honored. Contributors to the project will also be recognized.

Many local veterans have been included in the planning process of this area and are attending monthly meetings as the planning, design and construction phases move forward.

Finally, the Schuylkill Masonic Lodge has been working to restore the original Orwigsburg Court House clock that will be made part of the project. These two simultaneous processes should move the renovations toward completion.

The Veterans Foyer/Hall of Honor, mechanical/equipment improvements to the kitchen, exterior improvements including the veterans monument across Grove St. from the Hall's entrance, parking lot wearing course and storm water management, upgrading rear building access, exterior lighting, and necessary amenities including a sound system and sound attenuation panels are all part of the plans being developed for approval.

The Taskforce is still seeking additional contributions to bring this to reality and for the continued use and enjoyment by the greater Orwigsburg community. Interested? Send contributions to Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

- Robert S. Carl, Jr., Taskforce President



Orwigsburg Historical Society

Discover the History and Early Beginnings of Our Town

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon to 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

Heritage Day Scavenger Hunt



The OHS is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding this year with monthly programs. The Museum and Community Room will also be open for Orwigsburg Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will host a "Historical Scavenger Hunt" challenge to all who wish to participate.

A copy of the rules and a list of questions will be given at registration between those

hours. Answers can be discovered within Orwigsburg Borough, inside the museum, at local businesses, and along Market Street.

When participants have completed the "Historical Hunt," they return to the Society by 3 p.m., verify their answers, and receive a special prize. Participants may work independently or as a family/team.

Public invited to these society programs

The Society's "Tracing Schuylkill County's History" program series this year continues on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. with "Tales of a One-Room Schoolhouse" presented by Jim Bohrman. The program will take place at the Gerber/Bohrman Schoolhouse, located in North Manheim Township just to the east of the Blue Mountain "Eagles Nest" football stadium. Attendees will be able to tour the newly-restored building and enjoy a group discussion.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, Schuylkill County historian and Orwigsburg resident, J. Stuart Richards, will present "George Steahlin: Orwigsburg Civil War Adjutant of the 7th PA Cavalry." This program will be held in the Community Room at the Historical Society, beginning at 7 p.m.

And, just in time for Halloween, well-known Berks County author, Charles Adams, will present "PA Hauntings for Halloween" beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Historical Society.

Fellowship and refreshments accompany all programs. Admission is free and open to the public.

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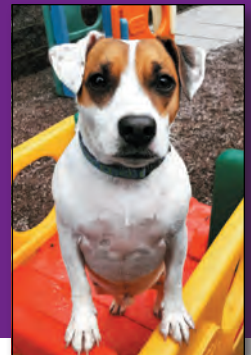


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Comedy Night at Veterans Memorial Hall

Wrapping up Heritage Day festivities Saturday evening, Sept. 7, the Orwigsburg Fire Department will host "Comedy Night" at the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Hall, featuring popular comedian Earl David Reed beginning at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6).

Admission to this age 21-and-older event will be \$30 each, including food and beverages. Tickets for auction items and raffles will be sold separately inside the event hall. Fire company members will be selling tickets in advance or call 570-237-0534.

Free lunch and health fair

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 N. Warren St., invites all to its "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, the day following Orwigsburg Heritage Day on September 8.

St. Paul's members celebrate who they are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one church freed in Christ to serve and love its neighbors.

This dedicated day of service welcomes all to enjoy a free spaghetti lunch from noon to 2 p.m. In addition, a Health Fair - "Passport to Being Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise" - will follow featuring several vendors, speakers, and fellowship through 5 p.m.

Gather at the Garden

The Schuylkill County Master Gardeners, an offshoot of the Penn State Extension Office, welcomes



all to their 3rd annual "Garden Gathering" to be held Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will all take place at the group's Demonstration Garden located at the parking lot southeast corner of the First United Church of Christ, 110 Rt. 61, just south of Schuylkill Haven near the entrance to Penn State Schuylkill.

Admission and parking is free. Plants and produce grown by the Master Gardeners, as well as cut flower arrangements, baked goods, food, and refreshments will be displayed and available for purchase. Vendors will include Honey for Heroes, Hope Hill Lavender Farm, It's Just Barbeque, a gardener rummage table, and more.

The event is also a great opportunity to discuss your garden challenges with real Master Gardeners.

Got a question on gardening?

Stumped by a garden issue? Help is just a phone call away ... call the PSU Extension Office of the Master Gardeners on the "Hort Line" at 570-622-4225, ext. 23.

Questions on trees, shrubs, flowers, lawn and much more can be answered by local experts between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday now to October. Messages can be left at other times.

Jason Jones Memorial Golf Tourney

There's still time to register for the 5th annual Captain Jason Jones Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner. This event has activities for golfers, spouses and children featuring an ice cream social for kids from noon to 1:30 p.m. plus dinner and live music from 6 to 9 p.m. It all takes place Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Schuylkill Country Club, Rt. 443 just west of Orwigsburg.

Additional information can be found at www.captainjasonjones.com/events. Online registration can be made at birdeasepro.com/captainjasonjones/.

Harvest Family Festival

Kimmels Church, located at 179 Pine Creek Drive off Kimmels Road just east of Orwigsburg Borough, invites all to enjoy and celebrate the bounty of the fall



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harvest farm goods and great fellowship. It's time for its annual Harvest Family Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Plan to have a fun day for every member of your family. Great things to enjoy will include hayrides, home baked goods, mums, a kiddie train ride, pumpkin decorating, live music by the Chase Band, our own homemade pumpkin soup, a huge rummage sale, and much more.

Walborn Playground Garden



Orwigsburg's Walborn Street Playground is the site of a Children's Discovery Garden, (shown to the right) recently constructed and dedicated in June. The idea and its future maintenance is a gift to the children and visitors in Orwigsburg Borough from the South Schuylkill Garden Club.

Fall Clean-Up - No electronics

The Schuylkill County Fall Clean-Up will be held mid-September with convenient drop-off locations for a variety of waste products and bulky items. Details should be made available shortly on the county website and newspaper publications.

Electronics recycling WILL NOT be part of this clean-up for the fourth consecutive year. The Orwigsburg Borough website Orwigsburg.gov has a list of businesses that will accept electronics - some free, some at a cost. Select the "Services" then "Garbage-Recycling" link.

Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at Orwigsburg.gov or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

The Borough utilizes the services of MuniPAY with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. A user fee of 2.45% or \$3, whichever is greater, will be assessed per transaction. The fee for e-check is \$1.50.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide the service. MuniPAY is an electronic payment processing option currently used by local Schuylkill County municipalities designed specifically for local government and utility agencies.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday

through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in the 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to Borough Hall.

Questions concerning these payment options may be directed to kmengel@orwigsburg.gov or call 570-366-3103.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with the Borough. Have accounts up-to-date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.

Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces

Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meeting, or other gathering?

Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is available for rent. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available

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for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. Indoors, facilities at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall can be rented.

For further details and to lock in your reservation at either, call the Borough Office at 570-366-3103.

In need of Health Aides?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker - stationary & folding
- Hospital bed - manual & electric
- Cane - single and multi-legged
- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat

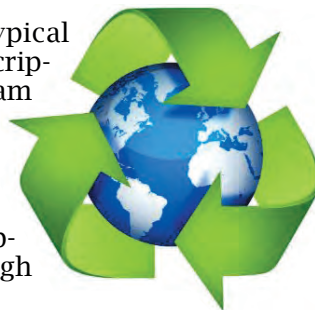


The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Single Stream Recycling Program

The Borough and County Waste Recycling, LLC have prepared updated definitions of the items that can be recycled in our biweekly recycling collection program.

A handy chart of typical recyclable items and a description of the overall program can be found on the borough website - **Orwigsburg.gov** - under the "Services" tab. Select the "Garbage/Recycling" link. Printed copies are available at the Borough Office.



Since early 2018, the worldwide recycle materials market has been in disarray. Only the best quality recycle stream sources are now acceptable. Putting anything and everything in the recycle containers is no longer acceptable. Please follow the new guidelines and clarifications.

The acceptability and/or preparation of some items has changed. Your cooperation in following these guidelines is needed to make the program practical and effective. Any future updates to the guidelines will be amended on the borough website.

Recycling and/or proper disposal of items not covered by our program may be found on the Schuylkill County Solid Waste website:

www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Recycles

We have asked the county solid waste coordinator to update this site and to add more options for items with little known local recycling or reuse options.

Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly collection of refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside collection is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street. Up to six bags of trash are allowed each week.

Major holidays may delay collection

Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day are holidays for the borough's contract hauler of trash and recyclables.

Labor Day, of course, falls on a Monday. That week both pickup days will be delayed by one day . . . normal Tuesday collection will be picked up on Wednesday, Sept. 4 and normal Friday collection will change to Saturday, Sept. 7.

Neither Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 28) nor Christmas (Wednesday, Dec. 25) will affect Tuesday collection in each of those weeks; but, Friday's collection will be delayed to Saturday after each holiday.

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August 27 - Funny Money @ Rainbow Dinner Theatre.....	\$84
September 4 - Cruise and Casino	\$69
September 7 - Come from Away.....	\$185
September 9 - Rocketman-Elton John Tribute.....	\$96
September 14 - Feast of San Gennaro/NYC Free Day.....	\$45
September 15 - Phillies vs. Red Sox	\$67
September 21 - Gourmet Shopping.....	\$46
September 24 - Barefoot in the Park.....	\$98
September 25 - Carole King's Beautiful @ Caesars	\$78
September 28 - The Will Rogers Follies.....	\$94
September 28 - American Girl Place.....	\$85
October 1 - Jesus & Bird-In-Hand.....	*\$103
Call - Radio City Christmas Spectacular.....	Call

OVERNIGHTS

Sept. 8-12 - Ocean City, MD Quality Inn Boardwalk....	\$449 p/p DBL
Sept. 18-19 - Dover Downs	\$125 p/p DBL
Sept. 21-22 - Seneca Lake Wine Trail.....	\$339 p/p DBL
Oct. 6-7 - Turning Stone	\$228 p/p DBL
Oct. 12-13 - Fall Foliage PA Grand Canyon	\$315 p/p DBL
Nov. 3-5 - Resorts Casino & Hotel	\$182 p/p DBL
Nov. 10-12 - Foxwoods Great Cedar Hotel	\$257 p/p DBL
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Disposal of leaves and yard waste

Your curbside trash collection/disposal allows up to 10 bags of leaves each week. Sticks and branches should be broken in short pieces and bundled/tied together and placed beside your trash for normal pickup.

Leaves and debris in the street gutter of your property are your responsibility and must be raked and bagged for collection. If residents fail to clean their street gutter, the debris will clog storm drains and present a hazard.

Monthly large item pickup

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Aug.	13	16
Sept.	10	13
Oct.	8	11
Nov.	12	15
Dec.	10	13

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

One large item (furniture, etc.) may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north and

the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

Residents should place trash at the curb anytime after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed at St. John's UCC, 232 E. Market St., and is connected with eight area churches. Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. Distribution to qualified individuals and families is made the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.

Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #396 and newly enacted Ordinance #424 establishes requirements for owners of rental properties in the Borough. These ordinances can be referenced on the Borough website: www.Orwigsburg.gov under "Government - Ordinances."

Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, or dormitory rooms must register with the Borough each year between January 1 and February 28 identifying the tenants residing. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$110 for the first unit, \$45 for the second, and \$25 for each additional unit per address.

Owners/landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property and provide all contact information. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

Property owners, landlords and tenants are asked to store trash and recycling containers at a location out of view from the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$20. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



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Orwigsburg Police Department

Getting Along – Both Sides Must Be Considerate

One of the most common calls we receive at the Orwigsburg Police Department are noise complaints. Often times a party might get too loud, music blares, or perhaps fireworks are being set off.

A common misconception is that Orwigsburg has a noise ordinance that governs such complaints. Orwigsburg does not now, nor has it ever had, a noise ordinance.

If we were going to cite someone for noise, we would charge Title 18, Section 5503(a)(2) Disorderly Conduct. This section states, "A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he: makes unreasonable noise ..."

But what exactly is unreasonable noise? Unfortunately that's not a black and white answer. As the police, we would give wide latitude of discretion for noise emanating from a neighbor's pool party at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Noise from the same party at 8 o'clock in the evening would still be given a dispensation. The same noise level may become unreasonable later in the evening as it gets darker and partygoers haven't yet subsided.

The above is just one possible scenario out of many. Another might be a person living in half a double or an apartment. It would be reasonable to expect a certain amount of noise from doors closing, creaky

floorboards, or furniture moving around – that's a reality for living in such a location. What would be unreasonable is a neighbor watching "Saving Private Ryan" with their surround sound turned to max so that you feel like you're in Normandy, 1944.

It's the neighborly thing to do

Now that you have some background on noise complaints, what is the best way to resolve them? We can all agree that Orwigsburg is a friendly and neighborly small town.

Often times, a simple knock on your neighbor's door asking if they could tone it down will suffice. While happy to respond to every call, many times a police presence at such an incident only serves to escalate an otherwise innocuous situation and creates unnecessary animosity between neighbors.

Would you want a police officer at your door saying that a neighbor complained? Maybe you didn't know you were making too much noise and a simple neighborly request was all you needed.

We understand some neighbors may have an unpleasant history. In such an instance, we encourage you to call us if you feel police intervention is necessary. If you don't know your neighbor, try introducing yourself and giving a friendly handshake.

– Officer Bobby Bechtel, Orwigsburg P.D.

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State Senator David G. Argall

Pennsylvania, Stand Up and Be Counted!

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Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution mandates that the federal government conduct a census to determine how to distribute representation and funding to the states. As you could imagine, this is a very daunting task. We need YOUR help to make sure that we are as accurate as possible in 2020. Undercounting can have huge impacts on our state, especially since the census takes place only once a decade.



**Senator
David Argall**

I recently held a hearing with census experts to learn more about how the process works and determine what still needs to be done to get the most accurate count possible. Specific emphasis was placed on how to ensure every citizen is counted in rural areas that typically have the lowest response rates.

The U.S. Census is vital to the health of the Commonwealth for a variety of reasons. The most impactful of these is the distribution of funding. The Census determines how \$675 billion a year in federal funding is distributed among the 50 states. For every person that is not counted, Pennsylvania will lose approximately \$2,100 a year in funding over the next decade. This funding supports many types of government services, such as infrastructure upkeep, health programs, social services and education.

This information is also used to redraw district lines to determine representation in all levels of government, from Congress to local school districts. Pennsylvania lost one of its members in the U.S. House of Representatives back in 2010, and this could easily happen again this time around. Losing representation means fewer people in Washington looking out for our state-specific interests.

Several ways to get counted

There are new options this year for how to fill

out the required form that should make the process easier for residents. The U.S. Census Bureau is rolling out a new online form that can be easily accessed on their website next year beginning in March.

If you do not have reliable access to the internet or do not feel comfortable filling out the form online, you can choose to have the form mailed to your house or to call the Census Bureau and submit your information over the phone. If you do not respond by any of these three methods, a representative from the Census Bureau will visit your residence to assist you with filling out the form.

It's important to remember during this process that all representatives of the Census Bureau go through extensive training and are legally bound to handle all the data they collect confidentially. Violating this confidentiality can result in a prison sentence, a fine, or both.

It is very important that every resident is counted once and only once. Your participation helps our state receive the proper funding and resources that we need. Census Day is April 1st, 2020, but the online form will be available starting in March of 2020. If you have questions or concerns about the process, contact my office or consult the Census Bureau website.

To learn more, you may wish to get my weekly e-newsletter. Visit the following link and subscribe: <https://www.senatorargall.com/e-news/>.



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A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

Salem UM Church

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty and Independence meet at 133 S. Liberty St. - offers three unique worship services each Sunday - a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45, and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome at all our worship times and community events.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffee house style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in the fellowship hall. Monthly "Meal and Movie Nights" start at 6 p.m. on August 18, September 8, and October 13. Football Fall will be an SNL feature from September 8 through November 3.

A new pregnancy/infant loss support group meets on the third Monday of each month. Contact Amanda Wessner at 570-449-3283.

Salem's annual Free Community Block Party will be held Sunday, Aug. 25 and will feature the 5th annual Orwigsburg Chicken Wing cooking contest, taking place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Party-goers will have full command of the W. Independence Street adjacent to the church and it's all FREE! Everyone is invited!

All those great cooks, enter your wings for a chance to be the best in town! Find out how to register on our webpage and on posters throughout town. Come one, come all - spend some time enjoying the



music, food and fun and celebrate summer before it ends.

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 7 to kick off Orwigsburg Heritage Day on the Square and at the Church. Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Then head up

to the Square where we will have our "Welcoming Booth" with face painting, free goodies, and look for our United Methodist Women holding their annual purse and jewelry sale.

October brings our annual AWholeNewBoo Event on Wednesday, Oct. 23 - the night of the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade. All are invited to join us to march in the parade and receive a "bigger than fun-size" candy bag. Prizes will be awarded in several costume categories. Pre-registration begins October 1 on our web page. Costume judging starts at 6 p.m. followed by marching/riding in the parade and finishes at Salem Church where all participants will receive their prizes.

Monthly Family Movie Nights return on Friday, October 25. The feature movie starts at 5:30 p.m. with supper, drinks, snacks and, of course, fresh popcorn



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provided at this free event. Check our web page or the white board sign for upcoming events.

Join us for our inaugural "Holiday Canvas and Coffee" event on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Spend a relaxing morning at our coffee bar and paint a holiday masterpiece for your home. Team Orwigsburg will hold a Soup and Bake Sale at the same time. Pre-register on the church webpage.

Our Mission at Salem Church is TLC - Transforming Lives through Christ. We welcome you to visit us and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ. There is always something happening at Salem Church. Find out on our website www.SalemUM.com or call 570-366-0201.

Kimmels Church

Kimmels Church, located at 179 Pine Creek Drive off Kimmels Road just east of Orwigsburg Borough, is a growing church family that has been an integral part of this community for more than 168 years.

Sunday mornings for adults and teens begin with Sunday school at 9 a.m. A nursery is available beginning at 8:50 a.m. The worship service begins at 10 a.m.



Kimmels will have a booth downtown on Orwigsburg Heritage Day -

Saturday, Sept. 7 - with lots of games and activities for old and young plus handouts.

The annual Harvest Family Festival will be held throughout the church grounds on Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to have a fun day of games and activities, homemade foods, pumpkin painting, and much more.

Each fall, Kimmels Church hosts a MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) Program. Being a mom might be the hardest job you'll ever have, but it will probably be the best one, too! This program begins Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. and continues through the fall. Childcare will be provided. Register online at www.mops.org/join. Enter code UCL4.

For additional information on all that Kimmels

Church has to offer, visit the website at: www.kimmelschurch.org

Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church, located along Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg, is excited to enter a new season. The regular



Sunday services at Lighthouse begin at 9 a.m. There is contemporary worship, a children's program and a time for fellowship afterwards.

To send summer off with a blast, the public is invited to share in the annual Church Picnic on Sunday, Aug 18 and our Back-to-School Bonfire night on Friday, Aug. 23.

Evening classes for all ages will be offered this fall. There will be a mid-week Bible study for adults. Our kid's program will feature fun activities, games, and snacks.

At Lighthouse Church we have a variety of different activities throughout the month for youth, women and men. The "20-somethings" also enjoy a monthly lunch and hangout time at Pastor Bryan and Michelle's house.

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Salem United Methodist Church



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All are welcome and invited to Lighthouse as we believe in TLC - Turning hearts to God, Loving each other, and Caring for our world. Additional information about events and The Lighthouse Church can be found on the website at www.thelighthousechurch.com or by calling the office at 570-366-1300.

Zion's Red Church

Welcome to Zion's Red Church, the oldest congregation located in the heart of southern Schuylkill County. Located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61) off Brick Hill Road, we are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ. Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Ken Melber, Jr.



Numerous fall activities and special services are planned. All are welcome and encouraged to share in any and all that Zion's Red Church offers. The church is handicapped accessible.

"The Dogs" musical duo of Bob Erb and Bob Schnaars from Gilbertsville will perform on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the morning service. A luncheon and time

of fellowship will follow. The duo will also present a free, secular afternoon concert, featuring a variety of songs from the 1940s thru the 1970s. Come join us for musical worship in the morning with sacred selections and an afternoon concert of nostalgic, secular music.

Harvest Home will be held in early October. All food and monetary donations are given to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry with the hope that it blesses those in our local community who just need a little assistance at the present time.

Reformation Sunday, with the sacrament of Holy Communion, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Zion's Red Church will again hold its very popular Christmas Bazaar with vendors, raffles, baked goods, food, and gently used items for sale. Details will be finalized and announced in November's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

Reach the church office at 570-366-1178 for any information about our Sunday services, Bible study sessions, and other events. Information is also available online at zionsredchurch.com or join our Facebook page.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg, welcomes everyone. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited to join us in our worship, Bible studies, health-related groups, and all other church events. St. John's offers spirit-filled worship for contemporary souls.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. Rally Day, signaling the start of Sunday school following a summer vacation, starts September 8 for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and held at the same time as the worship service. Communion is offered the first Sunday of every month and the Lord's table is open to anyone who is seeking Jesus, including children with the permission of their parents.

The church's Apple Fest celebration is held each year in conjunction with Orwigsburg Heritage Day - Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. until sold out. Held in the Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church on E. Market Street, Apple Fest features fresh apple pies, dumplings, and apple crisp for sale. A light lunch will also be available and a handmade quilt raffle will be

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th

Reformation Sunday
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See our article for more details!



St. John's United Church of Christ

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Spirit filled worship for contemporary souls

Rally Day - Sunday School Start Sept. 8

Apple Fest - Sept. 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- **Church & Sunday School at 10 a.m. with Coffee Hour following**
- **Communion First Sundays**

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held at 1 p.m.

St. John's "Grocery Cart Ghouls" will again push their carts collecting non-perishable food goods from spectators watching the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Please give generous-

ly as all donations go to the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry.

St. John's hosts many community groups, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Senior Citizens, and Team Orwigsburg. Fellowship Hall is available to rent for non-alcoholic gatherings. Its Health Ministry brings in programs and groups, offering important information and services for all in the community. Exercise, self-defense, and yoga classes are held throughout the year. Learn more by calling the church office at 570-366-2255 and follow activities and opportunities on Facebook.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed in St. John's and supported by eight area churches. Non-perishables, monetary donations, and volunteer helpers are always needed. The Pantry can be reached by calling the church office phone number. The call will be routed to assist you. Food distribution to needy

persons is held the third Saturday of every month, 9 to 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The church office is open on Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Find out more at www.stpauls-orwigsburg or on its Facebook page at: StPaulsOrwigsburg

The summer worship schedule continues through Labor Day weekend - a Saturday service on Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday service on Sept. 1 at 9:30 a.m. A return to the regular schedule begins September 7-8 with Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m., two services on Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m., and the return of Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

Faith Church

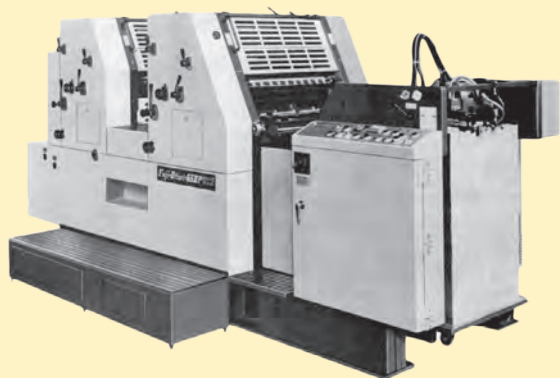
Faith Church welcomes all to be a part of its family and to attend a Sunday service. The service lasts about 75 minutes and includes praise music by our full live band, prayer and Pastor Doug Cresswell sharing a scripture-based message.

For information on Faith Worship Center's many support groups or to find help for your needs, contact the church at 570-366-5131 or visit the website at www.atfaithchurch.com. The worship center is located at 1168 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61).



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